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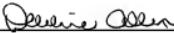
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SWITCH" (as previously presented) §

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MAY 25, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 25, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks and amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon. The amendments are formatted and presented in accordance with the Revised Format for Amendments promulgated earlier in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due August 25, 2006, therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this Response be considered timely filed. Since this response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, Applicant also respectfully requests that a notice of allowance or advisory action be mailed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply of August 25, 2006.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below.